

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, claims 18, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-33 have been written in independent form, as suggested in the Communication dated October 18, 2004. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 18, 24-25, 27-28 and 30-33 are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, as claims 19-23 depend from independent claim 18, applicant respectfully request that claims 19-23 also be allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments
to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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